

REMARKS

Claims 13-17, 19, 21, 23, 26-27, and 31-32 are pending in the application. Claims 13, 16-17, 19, 21, 23, 27, and 31 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hedengren et al. (US 5,389,876).

Claims 14, 26, 27, and 32 are canceled herein after being combined with their respective base claims 13, 23, and 31. Claim 15 is amended to depend from base claim 13. Claims 13, 15-17, 19, 21, 23, and 31 are presented for examination.

Claims 14-15, 27, and 32 were considered allowable by the Examiner if combined with their respective base claim. This has been done herein by combining claim 14 into base claim 13, combining claim 27 into base claim 23, and combining claim 32 into base claim 31. Claim 26 is also combined into claim 23. The remaining dependent claims should be allowable as including all the limitations of an allowable base claim. Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

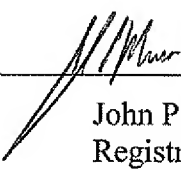
Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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